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Naples, March 3.

OUR Viceroy has given orders for the fitting out the Gallies of this Kingdom with all diligence. Here are likewise fitting three Spaniſh Men of War, who ſuſtained ſome time ſince much damage in bad weather. Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* continues at *Melazzo*.

Copenhagen, March 20 This morning the great Chancellor of this Kingdom, the Count *Griffenfelt*, as he was going to Court was arreſted by the Kings order, and carried Priſoner to the Caſtle, where he remains, his houſe being beſet by a Guard, and all his Papers ſealed up; we do not yet know the cauſe of this his ſudden diſgrace. A Placaet has been publiſhed here for the ſeizing and confiſcating the Goods and Effects belonging to the Subjects of the Crown of *Sueden*, that are within the Territories of his Majeſty. Our preparations both by Land and Sea advance apace; and it's ſaid our Troops have orders to be ready to march by the end of this Month.

Vienna, March 15. Count *Montecuculi* continuing very much indiſpoſed in his health, we are told, that the Emperor has given the command of his Army to the Duke of *Lorrain*, yet ſo, as that he ſhall take his reſidence this Summer in ſome place, which may be neareſt the Army, to aſſiſt the Duke with his Councel; and accordingly it's ſaid, that he will part hence the beginning of the next Month. Orders are given out to the Regiments of Foot of the Duke of *Brunſwicke Wolfenbuttel*, of the Count *Maſſini*, and of the Count *Kaunits*, the Regiment of Croats of Count *Palfi*, and the Regiment of Dragoons of Colonel *Wopping*, making in all 9000 Men, to march forthwith towards the *Rhine*; and at the ſame time, the Regiment of *Caraffa* is commanded to march towards *Pomerania*, to reinforce the Body of Imperial Troops that acted in thoſe parts the laſt Summer, under General *Cops*, who is come hither; very much indiſpoſed, and has reſigned his command to General *Keyſerſtein*. Several Regiments are likewiſe ordered to march towards *Hongry*, to have an eye upon the Turks, who, it's feared may attempt ſomething upon the Fort of *Schella*, lately built by the Imperialiſts. From *Poland* we have advice, that the Dyet had reſolved to make a ſtrict alliance with this Court, and in order thereunto, intended to ſend hither a ſolemn Embaſſy.

Eſlingen, March 20. The 16 inſtant, Prince *Herman* of *Baden*, General of the Imperial Artillery, after having taken ſeveral Poſts about *Philipsburg*, on the other ſide of the *Rhine*, cauſed his Troops to do the like on this, they poſſeſſing themſelves of *Graben*, *Rouſheim*, and other places in that Neighborhood, where they are raiſing ſeveral Forts and Redoubts, in order to the blocking up of *Philipsburg*, which is already ſo far done, as to hinder their incurſions into the Dutchy of *Wirtemberg*, the Palatinate, and the Marquiſate of *Baden*, which before lay open to them. It is ſaid, that the French of *Philipſburg* have had a deſign upon *Spire*, but that they were prevented in it. The 18 inſtant, they came out with 400 Foot, and 200 Dragoons, with intention to have ſurpriſed the Imperialiſts that were in *Rouſheim*, but being diſcovered, they retired without attempting any thing. The Magiſtrates of *Strasburg* have prayed the Prince of *Baden* to ſend them 1000 Foot, for the ſecurity of their City.

Strasburg, March 20. We are told that Monſieur *Verjus*, the French Envoy, has demanded of our Magiſtrates, that they will cauſe ſeveral Arches of their Bridge over the *Rhine*, to be forthwith broken down, or otherwiſe, that they will give Hoſtages that the Imperialiſts ſhall not have any liberty to paſs in this whole Campagne; to which our Magiſtrates have not as yet given any anſwer; but in the mean time, have reinforced their Gariſon in the Fort which guards their Bridge. The Prince of *Baden* has begun to block up *Philipsburg*, as well on this as the other ſide of the *Rhine*, and has turned the courſe of the River which makes the communication between that place and the *Rhine*. The laſt week the Mareſchal *de Rochefort* arrived at *Saverne*, with 180 Wagons, laden with Ammunition and Proviſions. It is believed he will endeavor to remove the Imperialiſts from the Poſts they have taken to block up *Philipsburg*, or at leaſt to put a good Convoy into it; and yeſterday and this day we have news, that he is marched with 6000 Men towards *Lauterburg*. The Dyet at *Ratisbonne* has written to the 13 Suiſſe Cantons, to deſire them not to give any aſſiſtance to the French, as being contrary to the alliance they have with the Emperor and the Empire.

Cologne, March 24. The report here is, that the Duke of *Newburg* will put the Forces he has lately raiſed into the ſervice of the Emperor, though with what certainty we know not. From *Strasburg* they write, that the Imperial Troops are marching from their ſeveral quarters, and that before the middle of the next Month, they will be in a Body, commanded by the Duke of *Lorrain*; for according to the advices from *Vienna* Count *Montecuculi* will not go into the Field, but if his health permit, will come to *Strasburg* or ſome other convenient place near the Army, to give the Duke his advice upon all occaſions. The death of the Electreſs of *Bavaria* is confirmed by Letters from *Munic*, which left that Court in great grief; ſhe was Siſter to the late Duke of *Savoy*, and Couſin Germain by her Mother to the Moſt Chriſtian King that now is. The Marquis *de Grana* is not yet returned from the *Hague*.

Liege, March 24. The French continue to work in order to the demoliſhing of our Citadel, all the Ammunition and Arms they have already tranſported to *Maeſtricht*, and yeſterday moſt of the Cannon was likewiſe ſhipped to be carried thither. According to the advices we have here, they intend to blow up the Caſtle of *Huy* to morrow.

Bruſſels, March 27. On Wedneſday laſt all our Spaniſh Cavalry that were quartered at *Louvain*, *Diſt*, *Halem*, and thoſe quarters, had orders to march with ſpeed to *Haſſel*, the quarters of Count *Naſſaw*, and to obey his orders, who joined to them a conſiderable Body of Dutch Troops, and marched with them towards the *Meuſe*, upon a deſign, of which we are as yet ignorant